

Remarks

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2005. The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 3-7, allowed claims 13-18 and objected to claims 2 and 8-12, indicating that claims 2 and 8-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

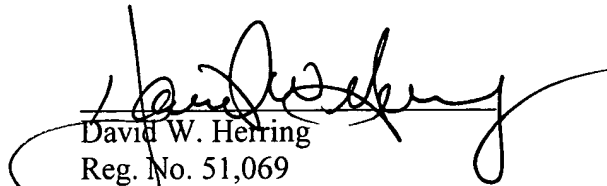
Applicants appreciate the recognition of allowable subject matter. In response to this Office Action, applicants have canceled rejected claims 1 and 3-7. Claims 2, 8 and 12 have been amended as suggested by the Office Action, to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1. Thus, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 2, 8 and 12 are allowable. As also indicated in the Office Action, claims 9-11 are allowable as being dependent upon allowable base claim 8.

Accordingly, as recognized by the Office Action, claims 2 and 8-18 are allowable.

The foregoing amendments have been made solely to comply with objections raised in a Final Office Action. These amendments place the application in condition for allowance. As such, entry of these amendments is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1). See MPEP § 714.12.

Applicants respectfully request that all objections be withdrawn and that claims 2 and 8-18 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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